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To Whom it may concern:

I was unable to attend the comment session regarding the Dewey Burdock Injection Well Project in Edgemont SD. However, as the Edgemont Area Chamber of Commerce President, I felt it was my duty to express our dismay at the EPA's continued postponement of the Powertech permits.

We believe it is time to let science and level heads lead this decision not emotion without foundation. Science has proven this project to be safe. It is time to let it move forward.

I have attached a resolution from the Edgemont Area Chamber of commerce in support of the Powertech Inc Dewey Burdock project. This resolution was adopted on 2/27/2013, at our last chamber meeting we renewed our commitment to this project.

Thank you

William Tanner  
Chamber of Commerce President



Edgemont Area Chamber of Commerce

**RESOLUTION**

**Supporting Responsible Uranium Recovery  
in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota**

WHEREAS Powertech (USA) Inc. desires to extract uranium on the Dewey-Burdock Project site in Fall River and Custer Counties utilizing the *in situ recovery* method; and

WHEREAS the Dewey-Burdock Project has been analyzed by knowledgeable independent parties and demonstrates excellent economic characteristics as well as safe and environmentally sound capacity to be mined such that it meets the requirements of South Dakota and Federal oversight agencies; and

WHEREAS the economic base of the State of South Dakota and Fall River and Custer Counties will be significantly enhanced as Powertech (USA) Inc. directly or indirectly employs over 80 workers, provides an influx of more than \$50 million in non-payroll capital expenditures, and pays mineral severance taxes estimated to be more than \$10 million to the State of South Dakota and more than \$5 million each to Fall River County and Custer County; and

WHEREAS uranium mining in Fall River and Custer Counties will be strictly regulated and overseen by the State of South Dakota, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency so as to protect the public health, worker health and the surrounding environment; and

WHEREAS it is the belief of this entity that energy production and economic development will be balanced with environmental stewardship in Fall River and Custer Counties.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that upon demonstrating to state and federal regulators that operations at the Dewey-Burdock Project can be done in a manner that is protective of the public health and the environment, the Edgemont Area Chamber of Commerce supports and encourages the granting of state and federal licenses and permits to Powertech (USA) Inc. to commence *in situ* uranium recovery activities at the Dewey-Burdock Project site in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota.

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